Superintendent Chancellor Will Attend Cardozo Trial.

CHANGE IN SCHOOL HOURS

Parents and Pupils Enter Vigorous Protest Against Order.

EXPLANATION MADE TO BOARD

Principals Embarrassed by Superintendent's Statement - Mr. Hughes Declines to Discuss Matter.

Admiral Baird, president of the board of education, stated this morning that Superintendent Chancellor will be back in Ime for the meeting of the board next Monday to continue the Cardozo trial. He said he did not know how long Dr. Chancellor had intended to be away when he left for

There continues to be considerable discussion among teachers in the schools and parents of the pupils in regard to the change in the school hours for morning classes, which was inaugurated not long ago. It is stated that Dr. Chancellor made it understood that he desired the various supervising principals to suggest that the teachers inaugurate the plan of dismissing the morning classes at 11:30 a.m. and instructing the pupils to return for another hour at 1 p.m., so that they might have time for 'a warm midday meal.'

Objection to the idea was heard on every side as soon as parents became aware of it. It is not the custom in the District, it ispointed out, to have "a warm mid-day meal," and the breaking up of the school day for the little children who formerly had been dismissed for all day at 1 p.m. caused the parents a great deal of annoy-

When the matter was brought up at the last regular meeting of the board by Mr. Cox. Dr. Chancellor said he had not given a formal order "in writing" for any such thing, and denied all knowledge of what was being done in this respect. He said he had "heard something" about it, and would take immediate steps to remedy the evil which Mr. Cox had called to his attention.

Opposition Universal.

Only a few parents who have children in the morning classes I ave written to supervising principals opposing the change, but opposition to it has been practically universal among parents, and those who are eager to see the old order restored at once are urging other parents to join with them in their petition to the school authorities. It is understood that Assistant Superintendent Hughes caused to be sent to the various supervising principals of the white schools an order, signed by him, making it clear that the wish of the school administration was to bring about this change.

The denial by the superintendent that he was responsible for the change, it is claimed, has placed the supervising principals in an embarrassing position, in view of the fact that they had understood both from Mr. Hughes' order and the spoken words of the superintendent that it was expected that they effect the change wherever possi-

### Left to Teachers.

It has been said that the matter was left entirely in the hands of the teachers of the grades involved, but it is also claimed word was passed down that it was the wish of the superintendent. All of the teachers, it eccount

Rumor has it at the Franklin building this morning that it is possible Mr. Hughes may resign from the local school system. His name has been connected with the vacancy in the directorship of the high school at Syracuse, N. Y., which, it is understood, pays about the same salory as Mr. Hughes receives as assistant superintendent in this city. Mr. Hughes has refused to discuss the matter, beyond making the statement that he has heard his name is under consideration for the place at Syracuse.

## Mr. Oyster Reticent.

Capt. Oyster was asked this afternoon whether he had heard from Attorney Davis in regard to the incident at the board of education meeting last Tuesday. He declined to say whether or not be had received a communication from Mr. Davis. Capt. Oyster, as president of the Business Men's Association, received a tele-gram this morning from Supt. Chancellor stating that the department of superintendents of the National Educational Association have unanimously voted in Chicago to accept an invitation to hold its next meeting in this city some time in February,

#### APPLAUDED BY THE HOUSE. The President Described as Gotham's . Only Great Man.

"The present occupant of the White House is the only really great man who pany on 2d avenue. was actually born in the great city of New York."

This statement from Representative Birdsall of Iowa provoked much applause in the House today. It was made by Mr. Birdsall while speaking in opposition to the ship subsidy bill, which was again under consideration. Mr. Birdsall urged that the mass of farmers and laborers oppose the measure while it is supported by the great centers of population.

## WILL VOTE TOMORROW.

House Closes General Debate on Ship

Subsidy Bill. General debate on the ship subsidy bill closed today and the bill was read for amendment under the five-minute rule. A vote will be taken tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

## ASK POPE'S ASSISTANCE.

#### Delegation of Poles Seek Restoration of School Privileges.

POSEN, Prussian Poland, February 28.-A deputation of Poles has gone to Rome bearing a petition to the pope, to which 180,000 signatures are attached, begging him to support the endeavors of the Poles to obtain from the Prussian government the restoration in the schools of religious instruction in the Polish language.

The petitioners reiterate the pressure brought to bear by the Prussian government to compel the Catholics to receive the "truths of our holy faith in a foreign language," and pray the pontiff to bring about a clear understanding on the subject for the welfare of the souls of the Catholic Poles.

## Chaplain Clark to Retire.

Chaplain Henry H. Clark will be placed on the retired list of the navy next Pittsburg Institution Sends Corre Wednesday on account of age. Chaplain Clark is a native of Maine and entered the navy in January, 1873. Since August, 1902. he has been stationed at the Naval Academy. Out of his thirty-four years' service in the navy he has spent over twelve years on hoard warships, cruising in various parts of the world.

## Leaves the Erie Boad.

NEW YORK, February 28.-General Mechanical Superintendent E. A. Williams of the Erie railroad has resigned to engage in other business, his resignation to take effect. March 1. The office of general me-

BILITY AT EARLY DATE.

The trial of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley on an indictment charging first degree murder in connection with the death of former Senator Arthur M. Brown of Utah may be called early in April. Should Justice Stafford grant the motion filed by United States Attorney D. W. Baker to postpone the trial of the Hyde-Benson-Dimond-Schneider land fraud cases it is highly probable that Mr. Baker will ask the court to set the Bradley

case early in the month named. The alleged land fraud cases are now assigned for March 20, but the application of Mr. Baker asks that a postponement be granted until the latter part of April. The reason assigned for the postponement is that Special Government Agent Holszinger is sick in Arizona, and it is stated that it would be prejudicial to his health to force him to come to Washington in March or early in April. Mr. Holszinger is an important witness-for the government.

## BANGS' CONTRACT ANNULLED.

His Bondsman Will Be Held Respon-

sible for Expense Incurred. On the recommendation of Lieutenant Colonel William L. Marshall, Corps of Engineers, in charge of government engineer ing works in the vicinity of New York city. General Mackenzie, chief of engineers, has annulled the contract with Anson M. Bangs, as successor of the firm of Hughes Bros. & Bangs, for dredging a forty-foot channel off Red Hook and Bay Ridge, New York harbor, because of delinquencies in the work. Under the terms of the contract. 22,000,000 cubic yards of material were to be excavated from the channel at the rate of 10 cents a yard. When the work was about half completed the contractor suspended operations and removed all his dredging apparatus, having realized that his rates were too low and that he was losing

money on the contract. Mr. Bangs was associated with Mr. Wm. J. Oliver in his original bid for furnishing labor for the Panama canal, but was com-pelled to withdraw from the firm because of his meged delinquency in government works.

Colonel Marshall has been authorized to readvertise for proposals to complete the dredging of the channel at New York with the understanding that the bondsmen of Mr. Bangs will be held accountable for any extra expense that may be involved in the completion of the work.

### FISH DENIES CHARGES.

Explains His Action in Illinois Central Fight.

NEW YORK, February 28.-Stuyvesant Fish was asked yesterday what reply, if any, he cared to make to the accusations which E. H. Harriman had made against him on Tuesday before the interstate commerce commission. "I have little to say," he replied. "I shall not be drawn into a wrangle with that gentleman."

"He and I sustained close relations for many years and were jointly interested in many large affairs. All of these transactions, as indeed all transactions in which I have ever engaged, will bear the closest scrutiny. It was at my instance that Mr. Harriman was made a director of the Illinois Central company, and we got along quite well until he became ambitious to make the Illinois Central a part of the Union Pacific system. I did not believe this would be in the interest of the stockhold-ers of the Illinois Central, for whom I held a trust, and then and there Mr. Harriman and I parted company. He is quite right in saying that I borrowed funds from the Illinois Central, but he should have added that the loan was made at a time when we wore most anxious to nut out ! surplus; that I hunted from bank to bank to loan our money; that this particular loan was made on collateral which was unquestionably ample and marketable; that several of the other directors borrowed from the company in the same way, and finally that Mr. Harriman himself, while is said, felt bound to favor the plan on that | a director, had borrowed from the company in precisely the same manner frequently, and in sums aggregating several millions of dollars. As a matter of business I did not then regard it as improper, nor do I

When, in the fall of 1903," he continued, "I desired to repay the debt, I proposed to negotiate a new loan from Kuhn, Loeb & Mr Harriman asked me not to do so. and volunteered to lend me the sum him-

self, and I accepted his offer. "Respecting the deposits with the Trust Company of the Republic, it should be said that this institution was one of the many New York trust companies with which we carried accounts; that the sums on deposit fluctuated with the general condtions of our very large business, and that there was no 'padding' of accounts by me. The de-posit was never in danger. I was a trustee of the Trust Company of the Republic, but

never an officer.
"Concerning the acquisition of the Indian apolis Southern railway, it is only necessary to refer to the records of the Illinois Central company, which will show that my ac-tion was fully and formally approved by

#### SIX INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION. Accident Caused by What is Known as a "Slip."

PITTSBURG. Pa., February 28.-Six workmen were injured, none seriously, in an explosion today at the Eliza furnaces of the Jones and Laughlins Steel Com-

The explosion was caused by what is known as a "slip" in one of the furnaces. When the accident occurred there was an explosion of gas which forced the cupola from the furnace and scattered bricks, slag and other material in all directions. The men who were at work about the furnace were injured by this falling debris, which also brought down the telegraph, telephone and traction lines in the immediate vicinity.

It was first reported that many had been

injured and several killed, but an investigation showed that only six had been hurt The Question is Still Undecided With and the injuries of these were not of a serious nature. This was the third explosion at these furnaces within a few weeks the first resulting in the loss of fourteen lives and the second causing damage estimated at \$30,000.

The workmen injured today were all

## EASTERN LEAGUE MEETING.

The Schedule Provides That the Sea son Open April 24.

NEW YORK, February 28 .- The annual schedule meeting of the Eastern League of Base Ball Clubs began today at the Victoria Hotel. The meeting was preceded by an executive session of the board of directors, but what transpired at the earlier seasion was not made public. The eight clubs which compose the league are represented and President P. T. Powers is presiding. The schedule which has been prepared calls for 140 games, beginning April 24 and ending September announcement of the schedule some time this evening it is expected that Pre Powers will announce his corps of umpires for the coming season.

## THAW'S LETTERS TO BANK.

spondence to Jerome.

PITTSBURG, Pa., February 28.-Acting

on the advice of Hartridge and Peabody, of counsel for Harry K. Thaw, on trial for the murder of Stanford White, J. Denniston Lyon, vice president of the Union National Bank, this morning sent to New York the correspondence which Thaw had carried on with the bank since June, 1906, or since the murder was committed, Mr. Lyon has hesttated about sending this correspondence and wrote to District Attorney William T. forwarding the letters, and the package was at once sent to New York.

MRS. BRADLEY'S TREAL PROBA- DETECTIVES ALLEGED TO BE SHADOWING FEDERAL AGENTS.

> CHICAGO, February 28.-Information that detectives said to be in the employ of the Standard Oil Company have been shadowing the movements of attaches of the United States district attorney's office created a sensation yesterday in connection with the federal investigation of the Stand-

ard's methods. The fact that the discovery occurred so close to the eve of the opening of the trial which is scheduled to begin next Monday stirred the federal officials to vigorous action. United States District Atforney Sims immediately reported the matter to the se-cret service department, with the result that his suspicions were practically confirmed. Captain Porter, in charge of the local bu reau of the secret service, made a report to Mr. Sims, which demonstrated that a mysterious surveillance of the actions of his subordinates has been in progress for a

long time.
Mr. Sims refused to say positively last night that the men under suspicion are em-ployes of the Standard Oil Company, although he said the circumstances warranted a conference today with John E. Wilkle, head of the government secret service de-

### "PENNSY" WRECK VICTIMS.

Chicago Postmaster Able to Start for

Home Tonight. PITTSBURG. Pa., February 28 .- Postmaster Frederick A. Busse of Chicago, injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania railroad at Mineral Point last Friday night, will leave Altoona for home tonight. With him will go Frank T. Rogers, president of the Chicago Letter Carriers' Union, also injured in the wreck. The party will have a private car attached to the Pennsylvania Limited. Bussee today received his clothing, watch, chain and money from the railroad company. Over 3,000 telegrams and letters have been received by Busse, it is said, but he has not been permitted to read them.

### THE MT. VERNON FIRE.

It is Believed Loss Will Reach \$400,-

feared at one time that the whole south-western section of the city would be burned, and help was summoned from New

## MUNICH MURDER MYSTERY.

York city.

Suspect Forced to Watch Digging Up

MUNICH, Bavaria, February 28.-A young man named Niederhofer, son of a small circus proprietor of that name and who is accused of murdering Herr Hendschl, a rich young man who moved in the best social circles here, was taken today to the vacant lot where his father's circus tent formerly stood and was obliged to watch the digging up of the corpse of Hendschl where the police suppose the prisoner buried it. Niederhofer was quite unmoved at the recovery

## BASE BALL AT ANNAPOLIS.

Schedule Announced of Games With Naval Academy Team.

ger Chauncey E. Pugh of the Naval Academy base ball team has announced the schedule of the coming season. The schedule includes the largest number of big teams ever brought to Annapolis in a sea-

ton and Lee; May 11, Dickinson; May 18, West Point (at West Point).

Commons Today.

pension for his fifteen months' service. Foreign Secretary Grey, in reply,

## THE BIG JAPANESE LOAN.

vears abroad.

contrary.

earned authoritatively that the situation is substantially as follows: M. Takahashi, the Japanese financial agent, was sent from London to Paris to float \$125,000,000 in 4 per cents, being the

the close of the war in 1905 for refunding operations, and of which, for various reasons, only one-half was then issued. M. Takahashi found the London financiers to be too exacting, on account of the money stringency, and is not disposed to pay more than the current quotation of imperial 4s about 88. The Paris and Brussels bankers were more favorably disposed and better terms seemed possible, but under the circumstances the question arose as to

whether it would not be better to issue 5s at par for retiring the 6s. No decision has as yet been reached. Competent Japanese sources insist that there has been no check

n the negotiations here, but rather the

remainder of \$250,000,000 contemplated at

#### Police Captain's Condition Unchanged. The condition of Capt. F. F. McCathran of the fifth precinct, who had an attack of cerebral hemorrhage soon after reaching his office last Monday morning. is regarded today as unchanged. He passed

a restless night last night, and today seems

### to be no stronger than yesterday. The fears for him are very grave. Would Abolish Death Penalty.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, February 28.-The house of delegates has passed an act abolishing the death penalty. Recent hangings and the large number of persons who Jerome asking for instructions.

Today he received a letter from Thaw's are awaiting execution have awakened a counsel stating there was no objection to strong sentiment on the subject of capital

# WILL RETURN IN TIME MAYBEHEARDIN APRIL STANDARD OIL IS BUSY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The Usual End-of-Congress Rush Noticeable.

PRESSING FOR JUDGESHIPS

Many Names Presented to the Chief Executive.

HUNTING FOR AN ORATOR

The usual end-of-Congress rush has been

pressing the President for the use of his

influence with Speaker Cannon or heads

of committees in House or Senate to aid

them in succeeding with their desires and

plans. In some cases this legislation is of

importance and general interest, while in

others it is special. The President gives

patient attention to all these requests and,

There was a deluge of visitors other than

congressional today, some with business,

but the majority bent only upon shaking

the hand of the busy chief executive and

getting a jolly from him. Among these

was a party of English and Welsh school

teachers, headed by Dr. T. H. Morris of

Glamorgan, South Wales.
Representative Mouser of Ohio introduced

a number of prominent people from his district, including Carl B. Clark, repub-

lican county chairman of Eric county; Charles P. Caldwell and George D. Cope-

Pressure for Judgeships.

Representative Dawes of Ohio talked

with the President in behalf of Judge J. F.

Adams for the new judgeship created in

southern Ohio. Judge Adams has received

the indorsement of both senators from

Ohio, but the President has taken no ac-

tion about his appointment, and has given

no intimation of his purposes. Secretary Taft, who is said to have spoken a formal

kind word for Judge Adams, is reported to have said equally kind things about sev-

uent defers to Secretary Taft in Ohio judicial appointments, the choice of Judge

Adams is still in the air, although regarded as practically certain.

An Idaho judgeship was discussed with the President by Senator Heyburn, who

filed the applications of nine aspirants who seek the seat of Judge James H.

Beatty, who is retiring. Some of the candi-dates are James F. Allshie, chief justice of

the supreme court of the state; Edgar

Areson, former member of Congress; F. S. Dietrick, ex-Governor J. T. Morrison, Warren-Truitt, Judge Edgar C. Stelle, Col. T. R. Hamer, Lyttleton Price, C. A. Merriam and James E. Babb. Senator Heyburn says the President will not make the

appointment until after the adjournment

Still another delegation on a judgeship mission was introduced by Senator Clark

of Wyoming. These men were from the indian territory, headed by R. L. Sanders,

Oklahoma is admitted there will be two judges, and the friends of Judge Townsend wish him appointed in the southern district. As the appointment will not be made

before late in the summer the President did

sented some friends. L. A. Fradt, format assistant attorney general, introduced Nell Brown of Wausau, Wis.

Hunting for an Orator.

One important occupation of President

Roosevelt during the winter season is to

find top-notch republican spellbinders for

leading political clubs of the country.

When these clubs hold their annual ban-

quets and want to get a cabinet officer or

congressman of high standing to em-

bellish the occasion they do not extend an

invitation directly, but go to the President

and ask that he help them get a man. The

Hamilton Club of Chicago is now engaged

in this round-about way of trying to get a man. W. W. Wilson, a member of the club,

called on the President this morning to request that he assign either Secretary

Root or Secretary Taft to the Appomattox day banquet of the club on the 19th of

April. The President feared that his cabinet officers would be too busy at that

time to leave here. Secretary Root will have his hands full of international matters, while Secretary Taft will leave for Panama about that time. Mr. Wilson still hopes to secure a cabinet officer.

The day's congressional visitors, besides those mentioned were Senators Lodge.

those mentioned, were Senators Lodge, Spooner, Hopkins, Patterson, Dryden, Mul-key, Du Pont and Bulkeley; Representatives

Olmstead, Cowdry, Sperry, Dwight, Cocks, Calder, Granger, Garber, Longworth, Staf-

ford, Pollard, Esch, Humphrey, Foster, Burton and Kahn.

he surveyor of customs at Cincinnati. This nomination was recommended by Senator

Foraker several days ago, along with sev

eral others, but Mr. Smith's name was not

sent to the Senate with the others. Mr. Smith is the present collector This is the

Following the visit of Representative Following the visit of Representative Longworth the President sent to the Sen-ate the nomination of Amor Smith, jr., to-ate the nomination of Amor Smith, jr., to-

of Congr

aral other prominent lawyers. As the Presi

when possible, lends the helping hand.

Hamilton Club of Chicago Wants Cabinet Officer Assigned for April 19.

#### noticeable at the White House for several days. Congressmen with all sorts of unfinished legislation on their hands are

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NEW YORK, February 28 .- It is believed that the loss by fire at Mount Vernon, N. Y., last night will reach \$400,000. A large lumber, sash and blind factory, belonging to Hartman Bros., consisting of several buildings on West Lincoln avenue, and the residences of William Mandrey, Joseph Kuber, Dr. William Sharkey and Samuel Raymond, were destroyed. So quickly did the flames spread it was

of Alleged Victim.

of the body.

Hendschl disappeared three months ago. Suspicion was drawn toward Niederhofer by the fact that he pawned some jewelry which formerly belonged to Hendschl.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., February 28 .- Mana-

son. It is as follows: March 25, St. John's; March 27, Columbia; March 28, Yale; March 30, Cornell; April 6, Gallaudet; April 10, Virginia Military Institute; April 11, Dartmouth; April 13, Lafayette; April 18, Harvard; April 20, Johns Hopkins University; April 24, University of Georgia; ...pril 25, St. John's; April 27, Maryland Athletic Club: May 1. North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College; May 2, Randolph Macon; May 4, Walbrook Athletic Club; May 8, University of Pennsylvania; May 9, Washing-

## AMBASSADOR BRYCE'S SALARY.

Subject of Discussion in the House of

LONDON, February 28.-The recent question of Sir Howard Vincent, conservative, on the subject of the salary and perquisites of the new British ambassador at Washington was supplemented in the house of commons today by Mr. Liddell, unionist, who wanted to know whether Ambassador Bryce would be compelled to retire on reaching the age of seventy, in May, 1908, and whether he would receive a the premier would recommend to the king the retention of the ambassador's service after the age of seventy if it was in the

ambassador, however, was entitled to a diplomatic pension until he had served ten

position about which there was some talk of nominating a negro. Presidential Nominations. the Bankers. The President today sent to the Senate PARIS, February 28.-The question of the big Japanese loan is still undecided. It is the following nominations:

To be receiver of public moneys at Boise. Idaho-Fred V. Tinker. To be surveyor of customs for the port of Cincinnati-Amor Smith, jr. To be collector of internal revenue for the second district of Wisconsin—Frank R.

Bentley—and a number of nominations for postmasters, including that of James Carter, to be postmaster at Chatham, Va. DENATURING ALCOHOL.

Bill Providing Distilleries for Farmers Taken Up.

The denatured alcohol bill was taken up by the Senate today on motion of Mr. Hansbrough, and he and Mr. Carter opposed the amendment suggested by the Senate committee on finance requiring a govern-ment storekeeper to be stationed wherever alcohol is manufactured.

#### New York Bank Rates. On account of objections by Representa-

tive Payne of New York. Representative Sulzer today failed to secure consideration of his resolution concerning the rates of in-terest in New York banks. Mr. Sulzer said he would make another effort to have the resolution passed.

Died at Age of 106 Years. CLAREMONT, N. H., February 28 .- Wm Welch, believed to be the eldest citizen of New Hampshire, the oldest member of the G. A. R., and the oldest Mason in the United States, died today at the home of his son in East Lempster. Mr. Welch was 106 years old on March 29 last.

Many persons were injured and there were the Washington boys who are now in this annually, and many tho at least 150 arrests.

AMENDMENTS.

With the recommendation of several endments of a minor nature, the Commissioners today reported favorably to the District committees of the Senate and the House on a bill which is before both branches and which provides for the widening of Bening road from 15th street northeast to the Anacostia river, and "for other purposes." According to the proposed bills this road is to be widened to 120 feet, and in accordance with the permanent highway extension plans, but as the plans only provide for roads 110 feet the Commissioners recommended the width be changed to 110 feet, and as the highway extension plans provide for an extension only to Oklahoma avenue, the Commissioners recommended that the bitts be amended by striking out the words "Anacostia river" and the substitution of the

words "Oklahoma avenue." Benning road was originally laid out with a width of thirty-three feet, but it has been widened between 15th and 17th streets to forty-five feet. The highway extension plans provide for the widening of the road, and the Commissioners in their report say they consider the legislation as necessary and that the present time is particularly

appropriate to do the widening. The Commissioners also say: "The pres ent width of the road is sufficient for the present traffic purposes, but the private property abutting the north side has no outlet to the road by reason of a thirty-foot right of way belonging to the Columbia Railway Company, lying between the property and the road proper, except at occasional places where public roads cross the rights of way, and therefore the widening of the road is necessary to develop the property and permit it to front on a the property and permit it to front on a public thoroughfare. It is for this reason that the widening is desired.

"Retween 15th and 17th streets," they concluded, "the railroad company has also purchased a strip of land lying just north of its right of way, in which tracks have been laid, and it is understood that this was purchased for the purpose of providing a station building for the Chesapeake Beach Railroad Company in order to permit it to gain entrance to the city over the one feature of the bill that particularly pleased the Commissioners is that the entire cost of the widening and extension shall be assessed as benefits against the property owners.

## BASSETT FACED HIS WIFE.

Contradicted Her Stories at Omaha Hearing Today.

OMAHA, Neb., February 28.-Charles C. Bassett faced his wife and Dr. E. Lawrence Hunt in court this morning for the first time. He flatly contradicted all his wife's assertions against him. Dr. Hunt he scored so severely that the minister gripped his chair, face livid with rage, and with difficulty refrained from hurling back answers to the terrible epithets applied to him by the husband who believes he has been in jured.

It was Bassett's first appearance in court, at the behest of Judge Reddick, who yester-day expressed anxiety to hear from the husband, "who has been in town almost two weeks and has never shown himself. Mrs. Bassett sat facing her husband, and as he continued to flatly deny every allega-tion of misconduct she had made against him the wife's face was lighted by a con-temptuous smile, half a sneer. Bassett himself was perfectly self-possessed

## FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY.

One Dead and Another Dying in New York Fracas.

Indian territory, headed by R. L. Sanders, secretary of the Ardmore Commercial Club, Ardmore, I. T. They wished to tell the President what they thought about the qualifications of Judge Hosea Townsend, now presiding in the southern district of the territory. When the new state of Oklahoma is admitted there will be two NEW YORK, February 28 .- One man is dead, another is dying and a woman is under arrest as the result of a shooting affray early today in the Astoria section of saying he would be pleased to think its over at the proper time.

The President has intimated to Alabama people that he will not appoint the judge created by Congress for that state until after Congress adjourns. He is too busy now, he said, to give the question the attention he desires. Representative Wylie of Alabama was among the visitors.

Representative Klepper of Missouri presented some friends. L. A. Pradt, former assistant attorney general, introduced Nell Long Island City. Pamlico Pietrantnine, who is alleged to have fired the shots, is a fugitive. The police say that jealousy was

the motive for the shooting. The dead man was Lite Peilette. The wounded man, Petro Mencellio, will be detained as a witness if he recovers. Filomena Stosana, about forty-five years of age, acted as housekeeper for Pellette and ncellio. She fled after the shooting, but was later arrested. She is held as a wit-

# PAUL MORTON RE-ELECTED.

Chosen President of the Equitable for Another Term. NEW YORK, February 28.-Paul Morton was re-elected president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at the annual meeting of the board of directors today. W. A. Fay, formerly vice president and controller, of Engineers, in charge of river and harelected second vice president; C. E. Phelps. son, formerly third vice president, was elected second vic president; C. E. Phelps. formerly assistant secretary, was chosen treasurer, and Gerald E. Brown, formerly, deputy controller, was promoted to con-

troller. All the old officers of the society were elected. President Morton reported that in 1906 80 per cent of all disbursements went to the policyholders, the remaining 20 per cent being expended in the conduct of business. In 1905 the proportion was 74.65 to 25.35, the latter percentage being for the conduct of business. The net increase in expenses in 1906, exclusive of agents' commissions, in which Mr. Morton said there was a large saving, was \$1,251,032. The average rate of interest yielded from the society's investments was 4.26 per cent, as compared with 4.03 in 1905.

#### APPROPRIATION GRANTED. Senate Votes \$700,000 For the Seattle Exposition.

Consideration of the bill appropriating \$700,000 in ald of the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition, to be held at Seattle, Wash., in 1909, was obtained in the Senate today on motion by Senator Piles.

Speeches in opposition were made by Senators Hale and Lodge, and in support by Senators Piles, Depew and Spooner. Mr Hale expressed the opinion that the coun try had had enough of expositions. Saying that New York, San Francisco and Tampa are all preparing for expositions in the fu-ture, Mr. Lodge declared that "it looks as if we might drift into the practice of hav distribute expositions over the country, just as we have a river and harbor and a public building bill." building bill."

Mr. Depew said that expositions had done

much to educate the people of other countries concerning the United States. Mr. Piles argued for the Seattle exposi-tion as a necessary aid in exhibiting the resources of Alaska, and Mr. Spooner resources of Alaska, and Mr. Spooner took the position that the proposed exhibit would assist materially in affording the people of the United States desirable knowledge concerning the inhabitants and the institutions of the Philippine Islands.

In opposing the bill Senator Clay said that the United States had already expended \$28,000,000 in aid of expositions.

The bill passed without division.

The Andover Alumni Association of the District of Columbia is holding a number of meetings in honor of the principal of the school, Mr. Alfred E. Stearns, who was graduated from Andover in the class of '94. Sir Chentung Liang Chong of the class of '82, the president of the association, entertained informally last evening at a dinner for Mr. Stearns. Prof. George L. Raymond, '58, gave a luncheon today for Mr. Stearns at the Cosmos Club, to which a

In Honor of Andover Principal.

United States, died today at the home of his son in East Lempster. Mr. Weich was 106 years old on March 29 last.

Anti-Masonic Bioting in France.

RHEIMS, France, February 28.—Violent anti-Masonic risting occurred here today.

Many persons were injured and there were

BILL APPROVED WITH MINOR RECENT APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED.

Monroe S. Caver, Arkansas, \$620. Office of

auditor for the War Department, Albert

H. Adams, Louisiana, \$660; Thomas W

Soders, Texas, \$660. Office of auditor for the

Post Office Department, Pimo F. Sola,

Florida, \$660; Miss Mollie F. Brown, Texas.

\$660; Miss Mattle B. Davison, Texas, \$660.

Office of treasurer of the United States,

Oliver W. Birckhead, Louisiana, \$900. Bu

reau of the mint, Miss Mary Atwell, Indian

Territory, \$900. Office of internal revenue

Aaron W. Martin, North Carolina, \$660; Wade H. Osburn, Georgia, \$660. Office of supervising architect, Edward L. Wilson, Massachusetts, \$1,200; Wm. E. Stoutamyer, Virginia, \$1,200; Simon P. Wagner, Maryland, \$1,200. Office of the marine hospital service, George W. Lonergan, Massachusetts, \$90.

Reinstatement—Office of L.e auditor for

the War Department - Wm, H. Clifford Ohio, \$840.

Appointments by transfer from other de-partments—Office of the treasurer—Frank

H. Christopher, New York, \$660, by transfer from Post Office Department. fice of the auditor for the Post Office Department— Capers F. Rogers, District of Columbia,

\$660, by transfer from Department of Com-

Promotions.

Treasurer's office-Ora E. Patterson, Illi-

nois, \$1,000 to \$1,200; Wm. D. Beatty, Lou-

isiana, \$900 to \$1,000; Frank M. Skinner, Dis-

trict of Columbia, \$1,600 to \$1,800; Miss

Mary E. Sweeney, New York, \$1,400 to

\$1,600; Marshall J. Gleason, Texas, \$1,200 to

\$1,400; Louis P. Allen, Illinois, \$1,000 to

\$1,200; Walter A. Broyles, Illinois, \$3,000 to \$1,200; Walter A. Broyles, Illinois, \$900 to \$4,000; Moses Offenberg, District of Columbia, \$840 to \$900; Virgil L. Brown, Texas, \$660 to \$840; Miss Lena Kremb, District of Columbia, \$600 to \$660; Thomas F. Athey, Missouri, \$7,600 to \$1,800; Henry M. Buchanan Mississippi \$1,400 to \$1,600

an, Mississippi, \$1,400 to \$1,600;

Office of the auditor for the Treasury
Department—Carlos C. Von Leer, Tennessee, \$1,600 to \$1,800; E. St. Clair Thompson,

Texas, \$1,400 to \$1,600; E. St. Clair Thompson, Texas, \$1,400 to \$1,600; Robert H. Martin, West Virginia, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Pascoe W. Williams, New York, \$1,000 to \$1,200; How-ard M. Pruden, New Jersey, \$900 to \$1,000;

George I. Kelly, Nebraska, \$900 to \$1,000; Office of the auditor for the War Depart-ment—Washington I. Landell, Washington, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Edward R. Fontaine, North

Carolina, \$1,000 to \$1,200; Robert E. Mc-Cormick, District of Columbia, \$900 to \$1,000; Wm. E. Gordon, North Carolina, \$840 to \$900; S. Wrisley Brown, District of

Columbia, \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Office of auditor for the Navy Department—Elmer C. Hooper, New Jersey, \$900 to \$1,000; Andrew Lindberg, Minnesota,

Office of the auditor for the Post Office

Department—Horace Morris, Kentucky, \$720 to \$900; Miss A. E. Riggles, Maryland, \$660 to \$720; Miss Elizabeth Deeble,

Virginia, \$600 to \$660.

Office of the marine hospital service-

Mrs. Mary L. Guy, Virginia, \$900 to \$1,200.
Office of the supervising architect—Miss
Margaret G. DeWolf, Texas, \$900 to \$1,200;
Raymond S. Norris, Maryland, \$360 to

\$480; R. Talcott Brooks, New York, \$1,200 to \$1,400; J. Rabie Kennedy, Alabama, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Hubert Huntington, District of Columbia, \$2,000 to \$2,200.

A TWELVE-HOUR LAW.

What Secretary Mosely Told the Con-

gressional Committee.

Secretary Edward Mosley of the inter-

state commerce commission appeared before

block signal system. There was no law compelling its use, but there was a move-

the men, but primarily intended for the protection of the public, and he thought a

twelve-hour law would serve the purpose better than an eight-hour law under the

RELIEVES MAJ. SIBERT.

Major Newcomer to Take Charge of

Work at Pittsburg.

Gen. Mackenzie, chief of engineers, has

instructed Maj. Henry C. Newcomer, Corps

bor works in the vicinity of Chattanooga,

to proceed at once to Pittsburg, Pa., for the purpose of relieving Maj. William M.

Sibert, Corps of Engineers, of all the

works in that vicinity in his charge. This

assignment of Maj. Newcomer is only tem-

porary at present, but may be made per-

manent as soon as another officer can be

selected to relieve him of his present duties

Maj. Sibert has been appointed a mem-

ber of the isthmian canal commission as an assistant to Maj. George W. Goethals,

Corps of Engineers, who has been placed in charge of engineering work on the Panama canal. Maj. Goethals and Maj. D.

DuB. Gaillard, who will be associated with him in the canal work, will leave New

York on the 6th prox. for Colon. ...aj. Sibert will not be able to leave for Panama

before the 10th prox., the delay in his case being due to the necessity of personally

transferring his office at Pittsburg to Maj.

PANAMA, February 28.-John F. Stevens

the retiring chief engineer of the Panama canal, did not sail for New York yester-

day, as announced last night. He will re-

main here until the new chief engineer,

Maj. George W. Goethals, U. S. Engineer

Corps, reaches Panama, and can obtain a

CAPT. JOHN SMITH.

His Likeness to Be on the Jamestown

Stamps.

In spite of rumors and positive state-

ments to the contrary, there is to be a

likeness of Capt. John Smith on one of the

new sories of Jamestown exposition stamps

soon to be issued by the Post Office Depart-

ment. It has been stated that neither the

captain nor the fair Indian lady who saved

his life was to appear on either of the

stamps, and not a few stamp collectors were

amazed at this news. This morning, how-

ever, Postmaster General Cortelyou ap-

proved the design for the one-cent stamp,

which is to contain a likeness of Capt.

Smith, with the dates of his birth and

The stamp is to be green in color and to

The stamp is to be green in color and to be engraved with the name of the Jamestown exposition. There may be likenesses of Pocahontas herself and of her father, Chief Powhatan, in opposite corners, above the likeness of the famous Englishman.

The design of the two-cent stamp, which is the only other in the series, is to represent the landing of the first settlers on the backh at Jamestown. Its color is to be red.

beach at Jamestown. Its color is to be red and it will likewise be suitably engraved with the name of the exposition and the

In size the two new stamps will be only

a little larger than the ordinary stamps of the two denominations. The horizontal di-mension will be greater than the vertical.

Coal Plant Transferred

DANVILLE, Ill., February 28.—The Kelly

Coal Company was sold today to R. A.

death beneath.

the two de

proper grasp of the situation.

circumstances.

at Chattanooga.

n its original and amended

nerce and Labor.

\$800 to \$900

**Questions Credibility of Witness** The following changes in the classified

service of the Treasury Department are Appointments on certification by the civil service commission: Office of the Secretary,

Private Secretary to the De-

A direct and strongly sustained attack by United States Attorney Baker upon the credibility of former Private Secretary Elliott P. Hough as a witness, was the feature of today's proceedings in the trial of Representative Binger Hermann in Criminal Court, No. 1. The question regarding Mr. Hough's testimony arose after Attorney Worthington finished cross-examination of the witness and the government had begun its re-direct questioning. Objection was taken by the defendant's counsel to the United States attorney asking Mr. Hough about statements he had made before the grand jury, before representatives of the government, and before Secret Service Agent

with his statements on other occasions, and to test the reliability of his evidence

United States attorney the following ques-

Examination Proceeds. "I think then the examination may proceed," Justice Stafford said. "This witness constantly disregards the instructions of the court and of counsel, and he must an-

"How many letter books did Judge Lamoreux use while he was commissioner? the United States attorney asked.

committee to state his views on the bill "Four years." Witness stated he nut in the co. Mosley said that he was in favor of an all of the letters dictated to him by Comeight-hour law where it was a practicable missioner Lamoreux, nearly all of which missioner Lamoreux, nearly all of which were of a personal nature. Commissioner Lamoreux made no distinction as to the mail, answering only such letters as were addressed to him personally, while Commis-sioner Hermann took all of the mail from measure, but in the present case he did not think that twelve hours was too long. In explanation of his views he said that the interstate commerce commission was doing all in its power to extend the use of the

"Did you not state before the grand jury ment among numerous roads to extend it several thousand miles this year. This they were not likely to do if an eight-hour shift was made compulsory and the he taken to the division to which they ap-pertained?" Mr. Baker queried. The quesshift was made compulsory and the expense were increased to the extent of the wages of one man for each signal station. The hours of service bill was in the interests of tion was reread several times, and witness finally stated he could not remember just

what he had said. "Did you not make a statement to Mr. Rittenhouse and Special Agent Burns that it was by Mr. Hermann's direction you marked the letter books 'personal'?"

"Room 137. Interior Department," the United States attorney replied. Reading from a series of typewritten notes, the United States attorney asked Mr. Hough whether he had made several statements quoted to him before Assistant United States Attorney Adkins a couple of

office was that witness suddenly remem-bered distinctly that Benson had called When did your memory become refresh-

I now recall that Mr. Benson came twice

On Recross-Examination. In taking the witness for recross-examination Attorney Worthington said that he, too, wished to show contradictory statements by Mr. Hough, "not to impeach his honesty or truthfulness, but to show his

memory to be defective," and some of the ground already covered was gone over gain in a slightly different manner. Have you received any compensation or benefit or promise of either from the de-fendant or any one representing him as reward from any testimony you might give at this trial?" asked Mr. Worthington in

## 'No, sir," Mr. Hough promptly responded.

The examination of Mr. Hough was finally concluded early during the afternoon session of the court, and Christian H. Muller, a messenger in the general land office, was called. When Mr. Hermann was commissioner, witness said, he was chief messenger, and he described the method of distribution of incoming mail, saying the commissioner gave orders that all mail from Oregon should be placed on his desk, which

Mr. Muller said he often press-copied Mr. Hermann's mail after it had been signed, but he could remember no occasion when he had taken letters written on the

For the first time since the trial began the actual destruction of the copy books came into evidence before the jury, Mr. Muller stating the order to destroy the thirty-five volumes that had been given to him personally by Commissioner Hermann one morning about three weeks before the latter left the office. According to instruction, witness said, he and another messenger tore out the leaves of the books, and returned the backs, with stubs attached, to the commissioner's office. Subsequently those, too, stating the order to destroy the thirty-five

were destroyed. No Change in Rhode Island.

voting for the election of a United States senator continued unchanged today in the legislature on the twenty-ninth ballot. Goddard receiving 41, Colt, 38; Wetmore, 30, and Utter, 1. Plague in German East Africa.

BERLIN, February 28 .- It is officially anounced that two cases of the plague have curred at Muanza, German East Africa, and also that one case was discovered on board a British steamer which arrived re-

BENNING ROAD WYOTH CHANGES IN TREASURY ATTACK BY MR. BAKER

in Hermann Case.

CLAIMS HOUGH IS HOSTILE

Statements Made Before Grand Jury and Elsewhere.

RULING BY JUSTICE STAFFORD

Outcome of Testimony by Former fendant-Other Proceedings.

Burns, and that precipitated Mr. Baker's attack. He said, in part:

"I claim he is a hostile witness, and to illustrate I will call attention to his statements under direct examination, in which he described the visit to Commissioner Her-mann by Mr. Benson, in which he declared the visitor merely said 'How do you do?' or something like that, and let it go at that. And then on cross-examination witness required a page and a half of the record to describe a quarrel between Mr. Hermann and Mr. Benson on that occasion. We declare this witness has offered testimony on the stand, which was decidedly at variance we claim the right to cross-examine him Attorney Worthington again gave voice to another objection, but Justice Stafford took the whole matter out of the hands of counsel for the moment and asked the

"You wish to say you put this witness on the stand relying upon statements he made to the government, which were contra-dictory to statements he made in giving evi-'Yes," Mr. Baker replied. "And it is your desire to question the re-liability of his testimony so as to with-draw it so far as possible from the jury?"

swer the queries as put to him.'

"More than one," Mr. Hough replied.
"As many as ten?"
"Oh! no."

the conference committee yesterday that is considering the hours of service bill. He "I do not think so. I remember only that he wrote a very few letters." "How long was he commissioner?" came in response to a request from the

"No."
"Where was that?" Mr. Worthington in-

weeks ago. The answers generally were that witness "did not know," or "did not remember."
The final outcome of the apparently con tradictory testimony of Mr. Hough regarding the visit of Benson to Mr. Hermann's

ed about this matter?" sharply queried the United States attorney.
"I can not say," witness replied, "except I have been thinking a great deal about the whole thing since this case began and

Mr. Hough Excused.

order was obeyed during his tenure of of-fice.

"blue" paper of the commissioner's pri-vate office to any one of the divisions of the land office, there to be made a matter

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 28 .- The

Hammond, J. R. Dering and Hugh Shirkie. It is stated the consideration was \$4,000,000. The property was owned equally by John R. Walsh of Chicago and the Illinois traction system interests, and consists of five shafts res of are taking every possible precaution to pre-vent a spread of the pestilence.